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1. This communication is to inform the Appellant that an appeal conference was held prior to mailing of the Examiner's Answer mailed on 4/20/2004. However, that Examiner's Answer was not signed by all the parties. Therefore, the Examiner is attaching the Examiner's Answer with all the required signatures.

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Charles Goodman whose telephone number is (571) 272-4508. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday between 7:30 AM to 6:00 PM EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Allan Shoap, can be reached on (571) 272-4514. In lieu of mailing, it is encouraged that all formal responses be faxed to **(571) 273-8300**.

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